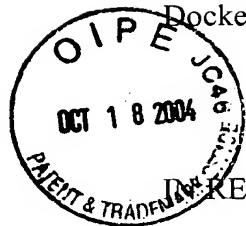


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated June 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this response.

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